

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Dale Nelson, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Council and attending audience.

## Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for February
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$111,890.12. Check numbers #23664 - #23692. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$107,737.25.
- Administration Finance Report for February
- February Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda with the addition of an email from Mike Hubner and MnDOT under water and sewer and bathroom supplies under old business for community projects, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Resolution 9-2026 is a resolution acknowledging donations for the Akeley Community Easter Hunt.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 9-2026, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Dan Snider was there to discuss employee benefits. He is from Colonial Life. He is asking to offer voluntary supplies to employees on a voluntary basis. If an employee wants to have dental benefits, they can have it deducted from their paycheck and the city would submit it to colonial life. They offer accident insurance, cancer insurance, critical illness insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, hospital indemnity insurance, and life insurance. It would only cost the employee, and the city would not have a cost.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Colonial Life working with the city's employees, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion on the Hay Contract. The City has a contract with Dan Splittstoesser and it's seven years will expire as of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Looking back at previous records, the city does not have to put it out for bid. Other than Dan, who is still has interest in it, there is a second gentlemen that is interested in it.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve putting the Hay Contract out for bid with the contract remaining as a seven-year contract, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Just an FYI that the LBAE meeting is on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:30am.

## Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy was absent.

## Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey was absent.
- Bobbie states that the new door should be here sometime next week.
- Kristi states that she did hear back from the insurance company on the freezer that went bad and the food that was lost. The only thing that has to be paid is \$250.00 and the rest of the expenses will be covered.

## **Parks – Dan Riggs**

- Dan and Dale will go through the campground and mark trees that need to be taken care of before the park opens.

## **Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Nate Deshayes/Reid Watson**

- Discussion on an email from Mike Hubner that he received from MnDOT. It was basically just discussing wrapping up the HWY64 Project. There was an abandoned water main that had to be taken out. Young Excavating removed it and Reid hauled it away. Ten curb stop boxes that were installed. Extra pipe that was needed for a gate valve on Pleasant Ave. Kristi will be getting the cost. They roughly would own around \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to the city in supplies that were not used that the city had already paid for. Kristi is thinking that it should even out. This is just an FYI at this point.
- Reid discusses lift station 2. Right now, there is a pump that the city will get to test out for a couple months to see how well it works. He states that if it works well and the city wants to keep it that it will cost around \$8,300.00.
- Reid states that the water loss is getting better but still has not found the source.

## **East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika**

- Report on February minutes.
- The board agreed to put the corner lot back on the market. This time Dan states that there are multiple offers.

## **Old Business**

- Kristi states that she talked with Pat from Rock Solid. She states that it would be nice to have everything being ordered from the same place. It is quoted for plastic feminine hygiene receptacles, but stainless steel would be better for cleaning and less likely to be broken. The stainless steel would cost around \$85.00 each. Kristi states that it would be a wash with what it would cost for the supplies from where Rock Solid was going to purchase them and that they would reimburse the city.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve the supplies for the bathroom project to be ordered through the Office Shop with the addition of the stainless-steel feminine hygiene receptacles and the automatic hand dryers, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

## **New Business**

- Randy Vredenburg was there to discuss a few things on behalf of the Akeley Lions. He states that there is talk about wanting to do something called movie in the park. It is just in the talking stages. He discusses wanting to use the lot under the water tower again for Paul Bunyan Days to hold the cow pie poker. Also, would like to discuss with Lacey about having a beer cart during the event.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to approve the Akeley Lions having their cow pie poker under the water tower lot for Paul Bunyan Days, seconded by Bobbie Woiksa, passed.**
- They would like to put two twenty-amp circuits on a post outside the water tower. It would cost a total of \$1,250.00. Would the city want to split the cost and approve the circuits being installed?
- **Motion by Dale Nelson to approve the circuits being installed and splitting the cost with the Akeley Lions with the city paying an amount of \$625.00 coming from parks, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

**Public Forum**

- Frank Lamb states that the Historical Society would like to eliminate the bathrooms at the museums after the new bathrooms are up and running because it would give them more room and space. Also Carol Steven's will stain Paul Bunyan's cradle at Paul's Patio if the city pays for the product.

**Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted by,  
Michaella Becker  
Deputy Clerk**